



## **Kāpiti Chess Club Annual Report 2023**

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### **SUMMARY / HIGHLIGHTS**

COVID had minimal impact on the Club's activities in 2023 and we enjoyed a full schedule of events with all meetings over-the-board, and both Open tournaments, the Kāpiti Rapid and Kāpiti Junior Championship went ahead.

The Kāpiti Rapid attracted a record field of 50 entrants including 11 players from the Club. It was also the first time the Kāpiti Rapid has been FIDE rated. The Kāpiti Junior Championship saw an even greater increase, with 80 players from 18 schools across the Wellington, Kāpiti and Horowhenua regions.

The Junior Club has gone from strength to strength and now boasts a membership of 39. So popular was the Junior Club last year, that there is now a waiting list for new members!

The Club was again successful in receiving a grant from Kāpiti District Council for the amount of \$1,000. This money was used to support the Club's "Chess in School's" program which has benefitted various local schools in the region. This year saw two of these schools compete at the Wellington Interschool Regionals for the first time. Junior members are now getting the opportunity to represent their schools at chess.

The Club continued to post news regularly in 2023, every one to two weeks and the Club's Facebook presence continues to grow significantly.

The Club returned a healthy profit (\$730.09), while also adding a number of assets this year, including a PC, 30x plastics sets, 4x clocks and 15 chess books.

We look forward to building further on the successes of 2023.

## SENIOR CLUB

### MEMBERSHIP

The senior section of the Club had 12 paid members at the end of the year, up three from 2022. We lost 2 members from 2022, gained 2 new members along with three returning past members.

Senior Club Membership	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Number of paid-up members	12	9	13	18	19
adults	11	8	10	12	11
juniors	1	1	3	6	8
Number from previous year who didn't return	2	7	7	5	6
Returning members	10	7	11	14	15
New members this year	2	2	2	4	4
Visitors and casual players	22	7	19	15	14
Who attended 1 night only	15 <sup>1</sup>	3	10	8	7
Who attended only 2 or 3 nights	2	3	7	4	6
Who attended more than 3 nights	5 <sup>2</sup>	2	2	3	1

1. Includes 9 from match with Upper Hutt

2. Includes 4 Junior Club members

### SENIOR CLUB EVENTS

The Club met 46 times during the year. Average attendance was 9 per night - which increased to 13 towards the end of the year, with the addition of Junior Club members playing up in the senior section of the Club. Special mention goes to Ross Jackson who attended every club event during the year, and both the open events.

Number of Meetings	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Over-the-board – event nights	35	36	25	25	45
Over-the-board – casual nights	4	9	8	2	2
Interclub events	2	-	-	-	-
Online	-	-	12	15	-
Total number of meetings	46	45	45	42	47
Average attendance	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Over-the-board – event nights	10	7	11	12	14
Over-the-board – casual nights	5	5	4-6	9	14
Online (due to COVID)	-	-	7	7	-
Total average attendance per night	9	7	9	12	14

Our traditional full schedule of events was run. We also played a home and away interclub match with the Upper Hutt Chess Club. This proved a successful addition, meeting and playing some new faces in a friendly competitive environment. Along with traditional rated events, casual events included hand and brain night, Fischer-Random, and a play-something-different event. With a number of younger and newer players competing in the Club Championship, we were able to play over all three grades (A, B and C) for the first time since 2020.

We ran our two Open tournaments, the Kāpiti Open, and the Kāpiti Junior Open. Both events attracted record fields.

Club events	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Freebird (10+5)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kingston Memorial (55+5)	✓	✓	✓	abandoned	✓
Leo Eichholtz (25 + 5)	✓	✓	1 of 2 series played	1 of 2 series played	✓
Blitz Cup (3+2)	✓	✓	2 of 3 nights played	2 of 3 nights played	✓
Winter Cup (25+5)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mid-year Rapid (New 25+5)	✓	✓	-	-	-
Club Championships (90+30)	✓(A,B,C)	✓(A & B)	Not held	✓	✓
Fischer-Random Night	✓	✓	✓	-	-
Hand and Brain	✓	✓	-	-	-
Interclub match Upper Hutt	✓		-	-	-
Play something different	✓				
Open events					
Kāpiti Open (25+5)	✓(50)	✓(45)	✓(45)	✓(40)	✓(33)
Kāpiti Junior Open	✓(80)	✓(44)	Not held	✓(33)	✓(30)

## RATINGS

A total of 145 games from 5 Club tournaments were submitted to NZCF for rating. In addition to these internal Club games, a further 210 games were submitted from the Kāpiti Open.

Ratings	Standard				Rapid			
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2023	2022	2021	2020
Games submitted for rating	73	47	90	130	98	72	110	140
Average member rating at end of year	1723	1764	1697	1537	1609	1696	1635	1528

## JUNIOR CLUB

The Junior Chess Club grew further in 2023. At year end there were 39 regular members, up from 23 in the previous year, and with an average attendance during term 4 of 31 per night.

Term	1	2	3	4
Average attendance	22	25	28	31

The Junior Club ran four internal Swiss competitions, one during each term. Term 4 saw the running of the inaugural Junior Club Championship which was split into two tiers, for seniors and juniors. A new trophy was purchased for the Senior winner.

In addition, there were 21 NZCF Badge Scheme tests conducted in 2023, with 14 kids achieving NZCF Level 1 (Pawn Badge) and 3 students achieving NZCF Level 2 (Knight Badge), and 4 achieving NZCF Level 3 (Bishop).

The popularity of the Junior section resulted in a significant financial boost to the Club. For the second year running, Junior Subs was the largest source of income for the Club in 2023 (\$3,224.00), and more than double Senior Subs.

Some of the income from Junior Subs went towards the purchase of 15 chess books specifically aimed at junior chess players. The creation of the Junior Chess Library will accelerate the playing ability of those juniors who are keen to compete.

The Club was again successful in receiving a grant from Kāpiti District Council for \$1,000. This money was used to support the Club's "Chess in School's" program. The program supports schools in the Kāpiti Horowhenua region who are keen to start a chess club by providing sets and technical support. For the first time schools in the Kapiti region sent teams to the Wellington Regional Interschool Chess Championship. Paraparaumu Beach sent a team to the Intermediate event and Raumati Beach Schools competed in the Primary division. Most of the junior players representing their school were from the Club's junior section.

## OPEN EVENTS

### KĀPITI RAPID

The 29th annual Kāpiti Rapid, held on Saturday 27th May 2023, drew a record field of 50 players, including several titled players and former New Zealand champions. IM's Anthony Ker and Russell Dive were the joint open winners, both unbeaten on 5½ from 6. The tournament was also the first time the event has been FIDE rated.

The tournament made a positive contribution of \$393.49 to the Club's finances. This is down on the previous year, but 11 members played at the event for free, therefore reducing the income.

Expenditure	
Hall Rent	\$150.00
NZCF levy	\$250.00
Prize fund	\$1,255.97
Misc.	\$48.54
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,704.51</b>
Income (\$)	
Entry fees (43 x \$50)	\$2,050.00
Shop	\$48.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,098.00</b>
<b>Kapiti Rapid – Profit</b>	<b>\$393.49</b>

### KĀPITI JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

A record turnout of 80 kids from 18 schools across the Wellington, Kāpiti and Horowhenua regions competed in the fourth running of the Kāpiti Junior Championship on August 12, 2023. With heaps of parents and caregivers looking on, it was fantastic atmosphere as kids competed individually and as part of their school over four divisions, and for best Kapiti-Horowhenua school.

Top seed Ryan Winter made it two for two, taking out the Championship Open division for the second year in a row with an unbeaten 5½ from 6. Along with Ryan, the Open division featured some top New Zealand juniors, including previous New Zealand junior champion Josh Langford who finished runner-up on 4½ with a single loss to Ryan in Round 2. Sharing third place was runner-up at this year's NZ Juniors, Cohen Young, along with Kayden Loke, Levi Paxton and Alex Coates.

The School Trophy, awarded to the top performing Kāpiti or Horowhenua school, was won again by Levin Intermediate 13½ (aggregate score for top 4 players), with Kāpiti College next on 11½. In third place was Ōpiki School. Congrats to Levin Intermediate winners for the third year running!

The high turnout resulted in a significant contribution of \$1, 21.26 to the Club's finances.

Expenditure	
Rent	\$150.00
Bond (hall)	
Prizes	\$402.84
Printing	\$25.90
Engraving	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$578.74</b>
Income (\$)	
Entry fees (80 x \$20)	\$1,600.00
Bond (hall)	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,600.00</b>
<b>Kapiti Junior Champs – Profit</b>	<b>\$1,021.26</b>

## WEBSITE & FACEBOOK

The Club continued to post news regularly in 2023, every one to two weeks. The Club's Facebook presence continues to grow significantly. Total visits to the Club's Facebook page increased 240% to 1,534. The average reach per news post increased 70% to 120. The number of Club followers on Facebook grew 43% to 1,793. Posts related to Junior Club activities remain the most popular. The number of hits and visitors to our Club's website also remains high. Around a third of Club followers are under 25, a third between 25 and 44, and a third over 45. Around 86% are males.

Facebook	2023	2022
Posts	32	40
Total visits	1,534	1,072
Average reach	120	70
Followers	1,793	1,250
Website	2023	2022
News Posts	32	38
Website hits	5,432	5,400
Unique visitors	2,239	2,235

## FINANCIALS

The Club is no longer reliant on a single income stream (Senior Subs) and can boast revenue generation from multiple income sources. The main source of income is now the Junior Subs but significant additional revenue is generated from the two external tournament.

The key numbers from the financial statement:

- Expenditure \$9,014.45
- Income \$9,744.54
- Profit \$730.90
- Closing balance @ year end 2023 = \$3,922.79 (23% up on previous year)
- Junior subs \$3,224.00
- Senior subs \$1,565.00

Financial breakdown below:

### 2023 Statement of Accounts

Expenditure (\$)	
Rent (44 nights @ \$45/night)	\$1,980.00
Kapiti Rapid	\$1,704.51
Kapiti Jnr Champs	\$578.74
Equipment	\$1,749.36
Junior Club	\$1,408.70
Advertising	\$287.50
Engraving	\$491.50
NZCF (Membership Levy)	\$225.00
Sundries	\$151.79
Tax	\$11.27
Donation	\$426.08
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,014.45</b>
Income (\$)	
Subs (Jnr)	\$3,224.00
Kapiti Rapid	\$2,098.00
Subs (Snr)	\$1,565.00
Kapiti Jnr Champs	\$1,600.00
KCDC Grant	\$1,000.00
Interest	\$107.54
Donation Received	\$150.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,744.54</b>
Profit	\$730.09
Opening Balance Jan 1 <sup>st</sup> 2023	\$3,192.70
2023 Profit	\$730.09
Closing Balance Dec 31 <sup>st</sup> 2023	\$3,922.79
<b>Check sum</b>	<b>\$3,922.79</b>

### 2022 Statement of Accounts

Expenditure (\$)	
Rent (46 nights @ \$45/night)	\$2,070.00
Kapiti Rapid	\$1,237.50
Kapiti Jnr Champs	\$649.25
Equipment	\$608.40
Junior Club	\$364.67
Advertising	\$304.75
Engraving	\$179.00
NZCF (Membership Levy)	\$90.00
Sundries	\$40.00
Tax	\$2.62
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,546.19</b>
Income (\$)	
Subs (Jnr)	\$1,870.00
Kapiti Rapid	\$1,711.00
Subs	\$1,150.00
Kapiti Jnr Champs	\$1,020.00
KCDC Grant	\$500.00
Interest	\$24.89
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,275.89</b>
Profit	\$729.70
Opening Balance Jan 6 <sup>th</sup> 2022	\$2,463.00
2022 Profit	\$729.70
Closing Balance Dec 31 <sup>st</sup> 2022	\$3,192.70
<b>Check sum</b>	<b>\$3,192.70</b>

A number of assets were purchased in 2023 including the following:

- Acer PC
- Junior Club Championship trophy
- Plastic sets x 40 (10 of which were donated to local schools)
- Clocks (DGT2010) x 4
- Junior Chess books x 16

Current asset list is detailed in the following table:

	Assets Purchased by year						Current Stock
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
PC for pairing software						1	1
Pieces (wood)	3	5	0	0	0		8
Pieces (plastic)	12	0	0	6	-4	30	44
Pieces (plastic large)	2	0	0	0	0		2
Boards (wood)	3	5	0	0	0		8
Boards (plastic)	10	0	0	8	-4	30	44
Clocks (DGT2010)	5	10	-1	0	2	4	20
Clocks (DGT1002)	0	0	0	4	0		4
Clocks (Saitek)	8	0	0	0	0		8
Clocks (Saitek game Clock II)	3	0	0	0	0		3